THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Financial Assistance to Gujarat

43. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by NABARD and Financial Institutions to Gujarat during 2001;

(b) whether this assistance is very low as compared to other States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) (a) to (d) Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Change of Name of CBEC

44. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to change the name of the Central Board of Excise and Customs to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes; and

(b) whether Government are considering to release one more post of Member in the CBEC exclusively for looking after the Service Tax administration and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, the matter is under review of the Central Board of Excise and Customs.